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(C) On April 2, POLOFF spoke to Dutch MFA Burma Desk officer Ms. Maaike van der Werf, following up on reftel points. Van der Werf expects that during April's GAERC the EU will extend the November 2007 "strengthened common position" on Burma. Discussions of further strengthening sanctions are a "work in progress" and only in the initial stages in the Hague and in Brussels. Van der Werf noted continuing tension between EU members supporting additional sanctions and those supporting "incentives." Gallagher